

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11-19, 21, 22 and 24-34 are presented for examination, of which Claims 2, 5, 9, 14, 15, 22, 27 and 31-34 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

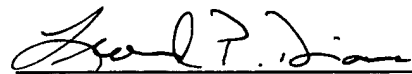
Claims 14 and 15 have been rewritten in independent form, but omitting the recitations of original Claim 10 (that is, Claim 14 contains the recitations of original Claims 7, 9 and 14, and Claim 15, those of original Claims 7, 9 and 15). Similarly, Claim 27 has been rewritten in independent form but omitting the recitations of Claim 23 (that is, containing the recitations of original Claims 20, 22 and 27). In view of the indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action, Claims 14, 15 and 27 are believed clearly to be still in condition for allowance.

In addition, typographical errors made in Claims 9, 22 and 34 in the Amendment dated December 20, 2004, have been corrected.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant again respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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